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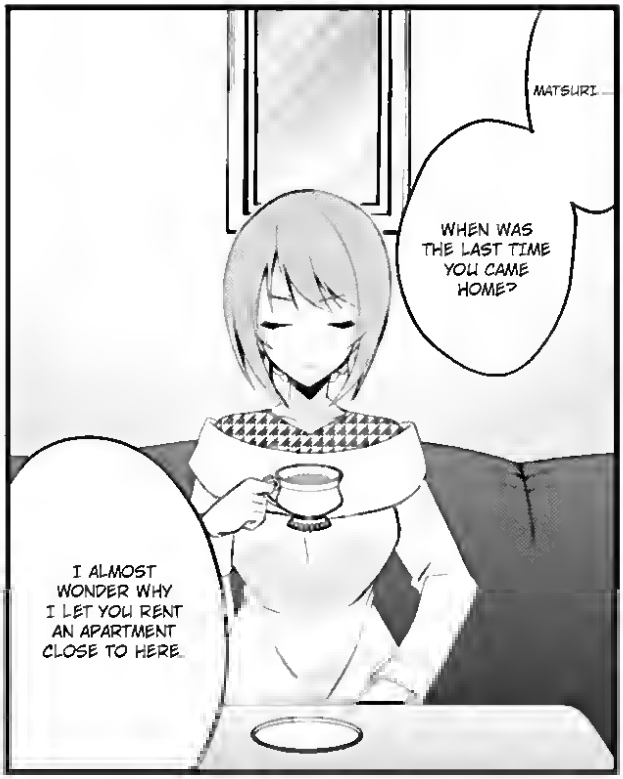
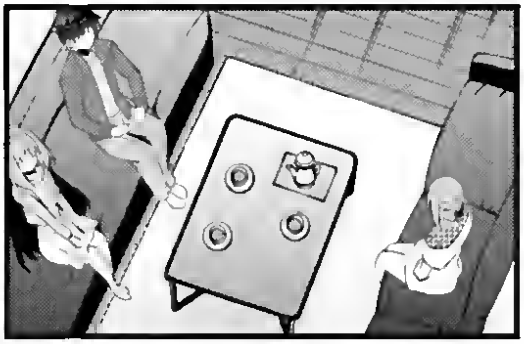

MATSURI...
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CAME HOME?
I ALMOST WONDER WHY I LET YOU RENT AN APARTMENT CLOSE TO HERE.



SORRY FOR VISITING YOU SO SUDDENLY!

I ALLOWED IT BECAUSE YOU KEPT PESTERING ME.
"I CAN'T WORK PROPERLY AT HOME. I'LL MANAGE MYSELF WITH MY OWN MONEY".
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KIMI-JIMA.. WAS IT?
AH, YES! HUM..
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

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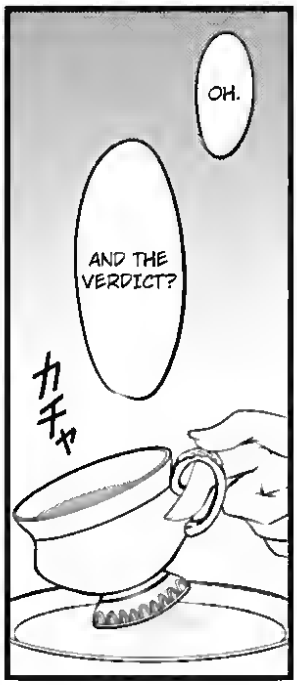
THE FINAL RESULTS CAME OUT TODAY.
ACTUAL-LY...
IT'S ABOUT THE MANGA IKOMA-SENSEI AND I DREW TOGETHER, WHICH RAN IN THE "PRETTY DRAGON CUP".

WE MANAGED TO TAKE FIRST PLACE!


OH.
AND THE VERDICT?
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AND SO... IT'S PROBABLY NOT FOR ME TO INTRUDE IN...
BUT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE IKOMA-SENSEI'S CAREER AS A MANGAKA!

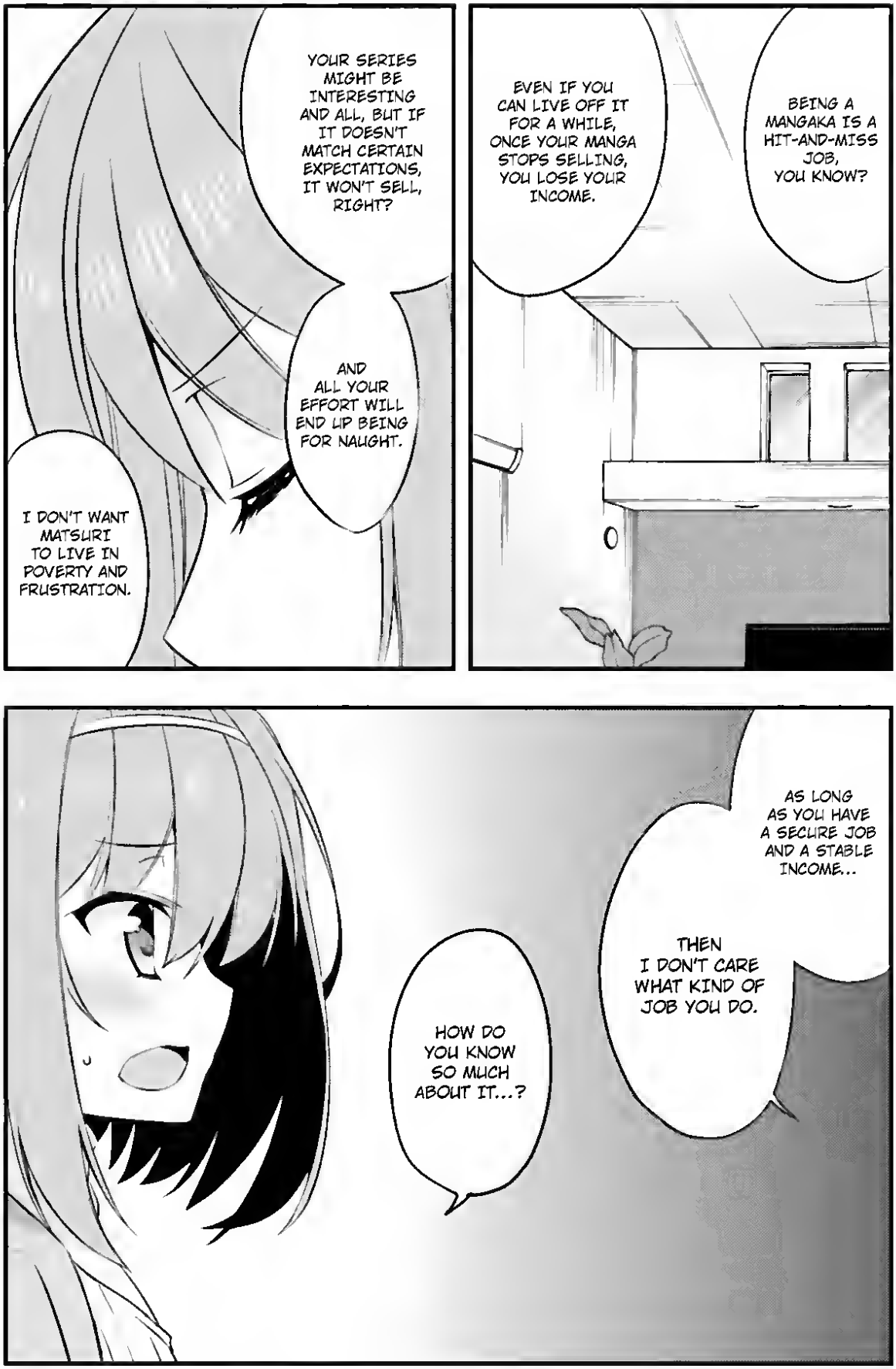
...I SEE.

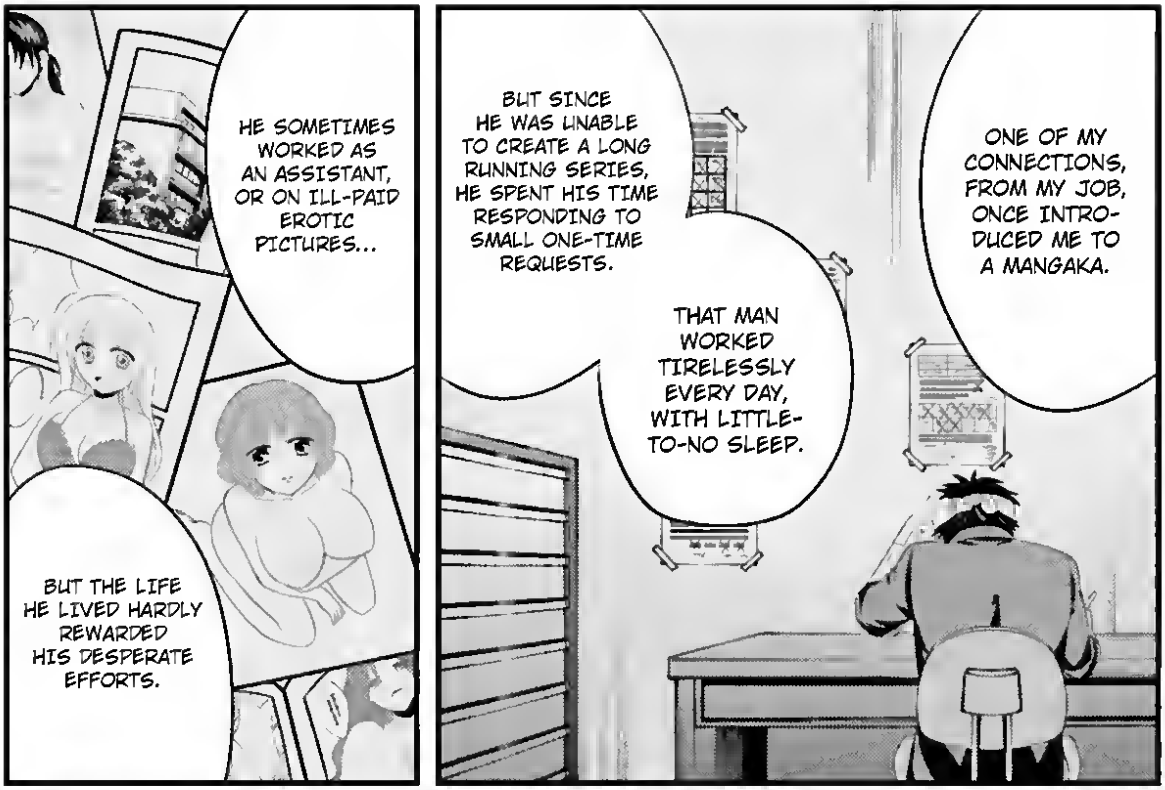
THANK YOU.
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU HOLD MY DAUGHTER IN SUCH HIGH ESTEEM.

YOUR DAUGHTER IS STILL A HIGH-SCHOOL JUNIOR...
YET SHE ALREADY HAS A SERIES PUBLISHED IN A MAGAZINE. THAT'S ALREADY AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT.
KIMIJI-MA...

...WHAT?

...HOWEVER, I'M NOT OPPOSED TO HER BEING A MANGAKA DUE TO A LACK OF TALENT.


YOUR SERIES MIGHT BE INTERESTING AND ALL, BUT IF IT DOESN'T MATCH CERTAIN EXPECTATIONS, IT WON'T SELL, RIGHT?
AND ALL YOUR EFFORT WILL END UP BEING FOR NAUGHT.
I DON'T WANT MATSURI TO LIVE IN POVERTY AND FRUSTRATION.
EVEN IF YOU CAN LIVE OFF IT FOR A WHILE, ONCE YOUR MANGA STOPS SELLING, YOU LOSE YOUR INCOME.
BEING A MANGAKA IS A HIT-AND-MISS JOB, YOU KNOW?
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE A SECURE JOB AND A STABLE INCOME...
THEN I DON'T CARE WHAT KIND OF JOB YOU DO.
HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT IT...?


HE SOMETIMES WORKED AS AN ASSISTANT, OR ON ILL-PAID EROTIC PICTURES...
BUT THE LIFE HE LIVED HARDLY REWARDED HIS DESPERATE EFFORTS.
BUT SINCE HE WAS UNABLE TO CREATE A LONG RUNNING SERIES, HE SPENT HIS TIME RESPONDING TO SMALL ONE-TIME REQUESTS.
THAT MAN WORKED TIRELESSLY EVERY DAY, WITH LITTLE-TO-NO SLEEP.
ONE OF MY CONNECTIONS, FROM MY JOB, ONCE INTRODUCED ME TO A MANGAKA.

WHEN I REALIZED THAT SUCH UNFAIR JOBS EXISTED, IT SCARED ME.
HE HAD NEITHER THE TIME, NOR THE MONEY, TO EAT ANYTHING MORE THAN SIMPLE CONVENIENCE STORE MEALS.
AND SOMETIMES ALMOST NOTHING AT ALL.
EVEN BY GIVING HIS ALL, HE BARELY EARNED 100,000 YEN* A MONTH.
*ABOUT $850
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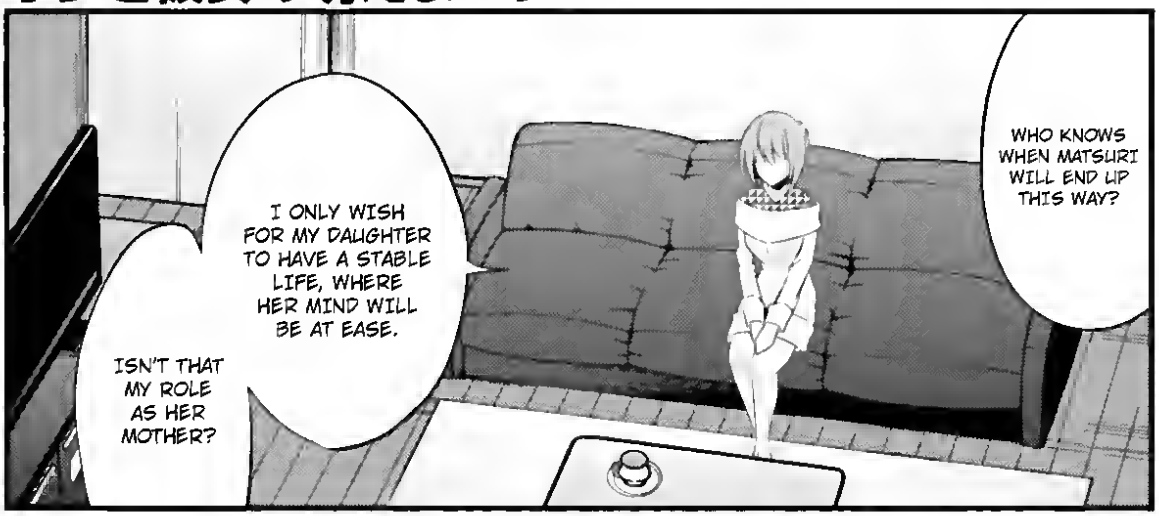
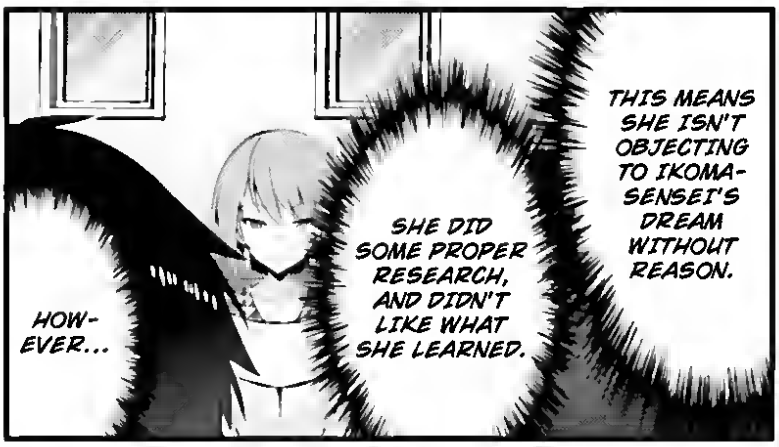

WHO KNOWS WHEN MATSURI WILL END UP THIS WAY?
I ONLY WISH FOR MY DAUGHTER TO HAVE A STABLE LIFE, WHERE HER MIND WILL BE AT EASE.
ISN'T THAT MY ROLE AS HER MOTHER?


THIS MEANS SHE ISN'T OBJECTING TO IKOMA-SENSEI'S DREAM WITHOUT REASON.
SHE DID SOME PROPER RESEARCH, AND DIDN'T LIKE WHAT SHE LEARNED.
HOW-EVER...

WORKING DAY IN AND DAY OUT, ACCEPTING ANY CHEAP JOB...
AND STILL EARNING LESS THAN 100,000 YEN PER MONTH...
HER OWN DAUGHTER MIGHT HAVE TO FACE A REALITY LIKE THAT...

I CAN'T QUITE GIVE UP HERE YET!
BUT...
I DOUBT IKOMA-SENSEI WILL HAVE TO STRUGGLE SO MUCH WITH HER LEVEL OF SKILL!

I HEARD THAT IF YOU SUCCEED ONCE...
EVEN IF YOUR NEXT WORK DOESN'T SELL AS WELL, YOU CAN STILL LIVE COMFORTABLY FOR A WHILE.
AND I KNOW THAT SHE HAS ENOUGH TALENT TO HIT IT BIG!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK PERSONALLY.
BUT THERE'S NO GUARANTEE YOU WILL BE RIGHT.
EVEN IF WE ASSUME SHE WILL RELEASE A BIG HIT...
IF SHE DOESN'T FOLLOW UP ON IT BEFORE HER INCOME RUNS OUT, IT'S ULTIMATELY POINTLESS.
WELL...
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL... THAT IT'S A RISKY JOB, FINANCIALLY.
IF IT REALLY DOESN'T WORK...
IF I REALLY HAVE TO GIVE UP...
...THEN AT THAT TIME I'LL QUIT AND FIND A PROPER JOB!

DO YOU REALLY THINK FIRMS WILL WANT TO HIRE SOMEONE
WHO HAS NEVER DONE ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF DRAWING MANGA?
... AH...
WE LIVE IN AN ERA WHERE EVEN SOME FRESH UNIVERSITY GRADUATES DON'T GET JOB OFFERS.
I WON'T BE A BURDEN TO YOU...!
MATSURI.
YOU'RE TOO NAIVE.
ALSO, I WANT THIS TO BE CLEAR..
YOU BEAR NO RESPON-SIBILITY IN ALL THIS.
KIMIJI-MA.
.....!

WHAT MATSURI DOES WITH HER ADULT LIFE IS OF NO CONCERN TO YOU, AFTER ALL.
BUT IN MY CASE, MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE IS ON THE LINE.
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS SO EASILY.

WE FINALLY OBTAINED A SERIALIZATION.
WHAT CAN I DO TO HAVE HER ACKNOWLEDGE US?
...SHE'S RIGHT.
WHAT WAS I EXPECTING, TRYING TO CONVINCE HER LIKE THIS?
WE'RE FINALLY AT THE STARTING LINE.

EVEN IF SHE LETS IT GO FOR NOW...
SOONER OR LATER SHE'LL TRY TO STOP HER DAUGHTER'S CAREER.
IS THERE REALLY NOTHING I CAN DO...?
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THEN...
IN THAT CASE...
I'M SURE IT WON'T HAPPEN BUT...
IF BY ANY CHANCE, IKOMA-SENSEI WAS UNABLE TO MAKE A LIVING WITH HER MANGA..
IF SHE'S IN TROUBLE...
TH...
THEN, I...
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I'LL SUPPORT HER MYSELF!

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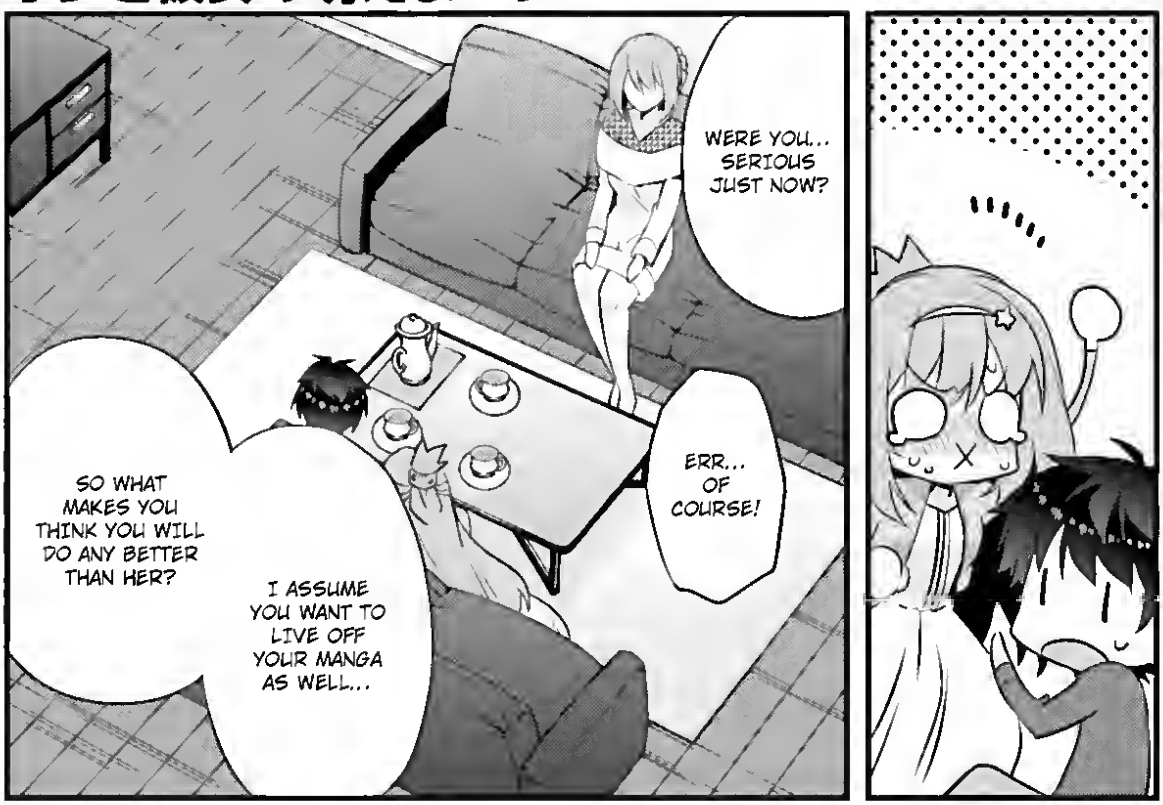
I- I HAVE A SAY IN ALL THIS. YOU KNOW?!
A-ARE YOU STUPID ?!
YOU CAN'T IGNORE MY FEELINGS LIKE THAT...!
WH-WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING OUT OF NOWHERE?!!
HAAAAAA ?!
DON'T WORD IT SO STRANGELY. YOU IDIOT!!!
KIMIJI-MA.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!!
THAT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING.
N-NO...
...UH...
I'M SAYING THAT I WOULD GIVE YOU SOME OF MY MONTHLY INCOME...
UNTIL YOUR SITUATION STABILIZES...!


WERE YOU... SERIOUS JUST NOW?
ERR... OF COURSE!
I ASSUME YOU WANT TO LIVE OFF YOUR MANGA AS WELL...
SO WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU WILL DO ANY BETTER THAN HER?

YOU'RE RIGHT.
IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A LIVING WITH A SUCCESSFUL MANGA. THAT'S MY DREAM.
BUT IF I CAN'T GET BY, AND HAVE TO GIVE UP ON MY DREAM...
THEN I'LL DO MANUAL LABOR OR WHATEVER, AND DO EVERYTHING I CAN...
TO SECURE A LIVING FOR BOTH OF US!

I SEE.
JUST TO BE SURE, YOU'RE TALKING SERIOUSLY, RIGHT?
EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST A CHILD, DON'T COME AND TELL ME LATER "OH, IT'S TOO HARD, AFTER ALL!"

I'M SERIOUS!
I ABSOLUTELY LOVE IKOMA-SENSEI'S MANGA!!
AND I WANT TO DRAW WITH HER FOR AS LONG AS I CAN!

SO THAT WOULD BE A SMALL PRICE TO PAY!!

ALRIGHT.
YOU'VE WON, DO AS YOU LIKE.
TH... THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
MATSURI.
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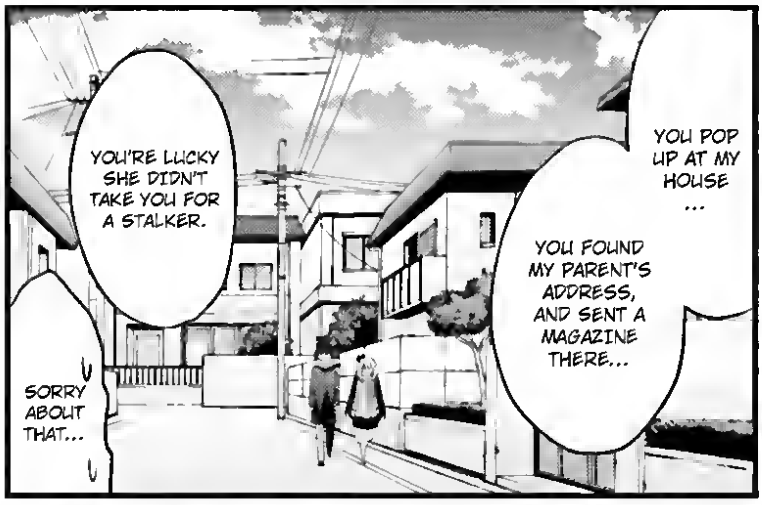
UH? MOM...
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, YES.
DOES THAT MEAN YOU DON'T MIND IF I CONTINUE WITH THIS JOB...?!
IF YOU'RE WALKING DOWN THIS PATH, THEN AIM FOR THE TOP.
HESITATING HALFWAY THROUGH WON'T PRODUCE ANY RESULTS.
...OH, AND...

THE MANGA YOU DREW WITH KIMIJIMA... IT WAS PRETTY GOOD.


YOU'RE LUCKY SHE DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR A STALKER.
SORRY ABOUT THAT...
YOU POP UP AT MY HOUSE ...
YOU FOUND MY PARENT'S ADDRESS, AND SENT A MAGAZINE THERE...

TALK ABOUT BEING NOSY!

UHH...
YOU'D BETTER NOT BACK DOWN FROM THAT!
THEN YOU KEEP BLABBERING TO MY MOM...
AND EVEN SPEWED OUT NONSENSE ABOUT 'SUPPORTING ME'...

...WHAT?
BUT THANK YOU.
ERR... NO, I DIDN'T...
IF I HAD BEEN ALONE, I DON'T THINK SHE WOULD HAVE EVER ACCEPTED IT.
MOM FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGED WHAT I DO.
BECAUSE YOU WENT TO SUCH LENGTHS...
YOU EVEN GAVE YOUR ALL TO AVOID THE CANCELLATION, AFTER A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING...
YOU STILL SAID YOU WANTED TO KEEP DRAWING WITH ME. IT MADE ME SO HAPPY.
BESIDES... EVEN KNOWING THAT MY SERIES WAS GONNA BE CANCELLED...

I...
IKOMA-SENSEI...
WE GOT THAT SERIES BECAUSE OF YOU. YOU KNOW!
WAIT. I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD THANK YOU!
I... I'LL WORK EVEN HARDER FROM NOW ON.
WE'RE STILL ONLY AT THE STARTING LINE.
I'M REALLY GLAD I STARTED TO DRAW MANGA TOGETHER WITH YOU...
AND THANKS TO YOU, WE WERE ABLE TO GET THAT SERIALIZATION.

WE WON'T SATISFY OURSELVES WITH A MERE SERIALIZATION!
LET'S AIM FOR THE TOP SPOT AMONG THE PRETTY DRAGON'S SERIES!
THE...
TOP SPOT...

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WE'LL MAKE OUR SERIES FLY RIGHT ONTO THE ANIME STAGE!!
EXACTLY! WE'LL GET THAT ANIME. NO MATTER WHAT!
HEH, YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.
OH...
BY... BY THE WAY, KIMIJIMA.
I WOULDN'T MIND REDUCING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US...
SINCE WE'RE PARTNERS AND ALL...
WE'RE... YOU KNOW...

SO...!
FROM NOW ON I'M GONNA CALL YOU BY YOUR... YOUR GIVEN NAME!
THE DISTANCE?
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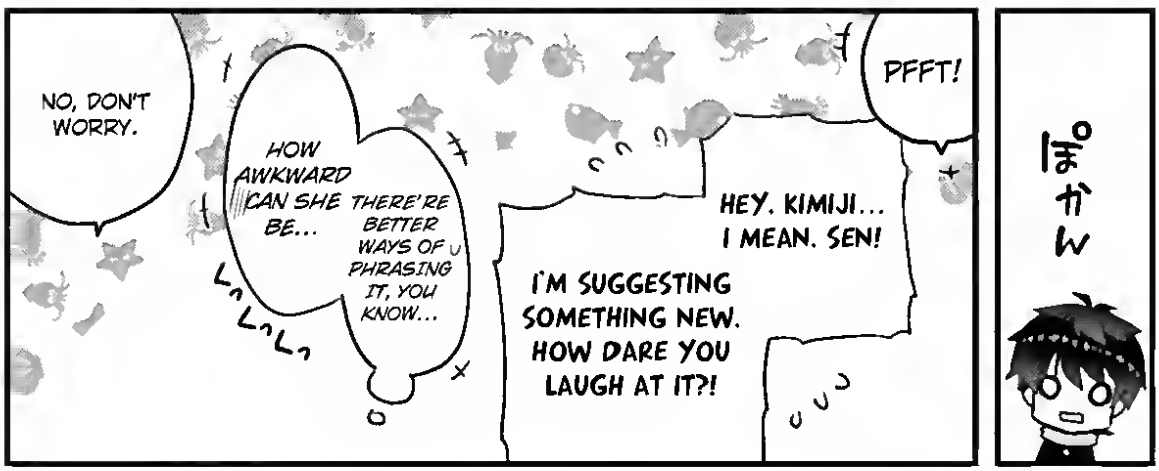
YOU TOO SHALL CALL ME BY MY GIVEN NAME!
THAT'S AN ORDER!


NO, DON'T WORRY.
HOW AWKWARD CAN SHE BE...
THERE'RE BETTER WAYS OF PHRASING IT, YOU KNOW...
HEY. KIMIJI... I MEAN. SEN!
I'M SUGGESTING SOMETHING NEW. HOW DARE YOU LAUGH AT IT?!
PFFT!
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UM...
MATSURI.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TOO.
OKAY.

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WELCOME BACK, YOU TWO!!
AND CONGRATULA-TIONS!!

I BOUGHT A CAKE TO CELEBRATE YOUR SERIES.
LET'S HAVE A PARTY INSIDE!
EMILY ...?
WHERE DID YOU GO OFF TO? I'M TIRED OF WAITING, SERIOUSLY.
PLEASE DON'T MISUNDER-STAND ME.
I'M ONLY REJOICING BECAUSE I HAVE A SAFE JOB NOW.
Hmpf
THANKS, EMILY.
RIGHT, KIMIJI-MA...
REALLY? THAT'S FINE WITH ME.
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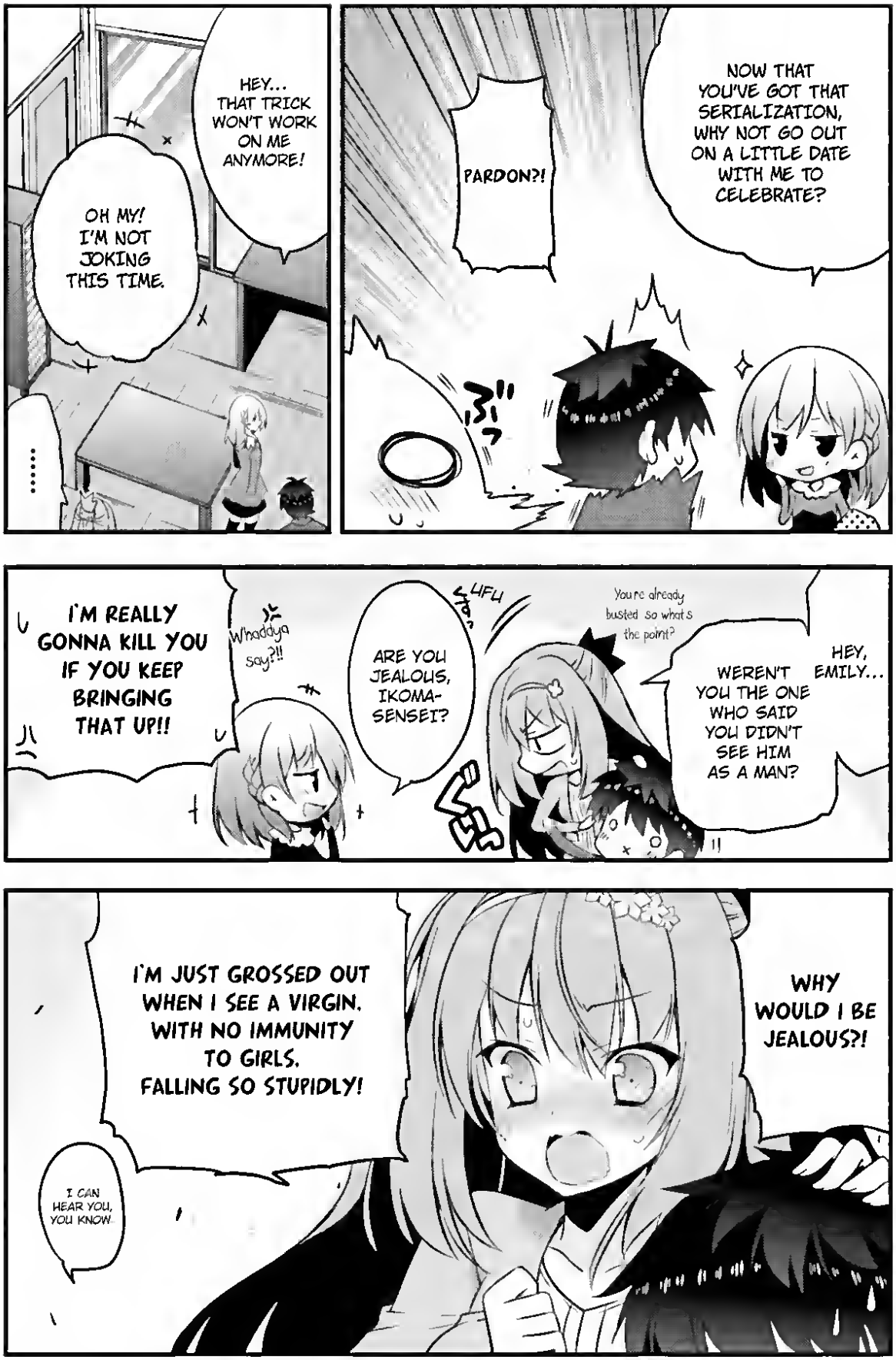
I'LL PAY YOU A FULL SALARY FROM NOW ON!
I GUESS I'M GONNA HAVE TO MAKE YOU A PROPER ASSISTANT NOW.


HEY... THAT TRICK WON'T WORK ON ME ANYMORE!
OH MY! I'M NOT JOKING THIS TIME.
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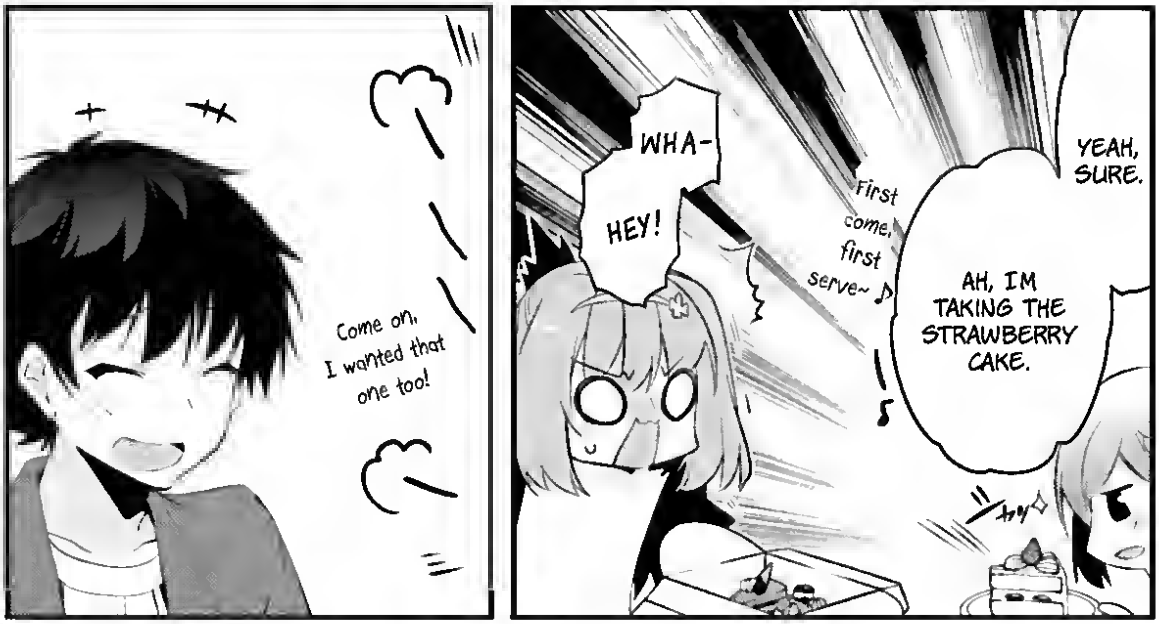
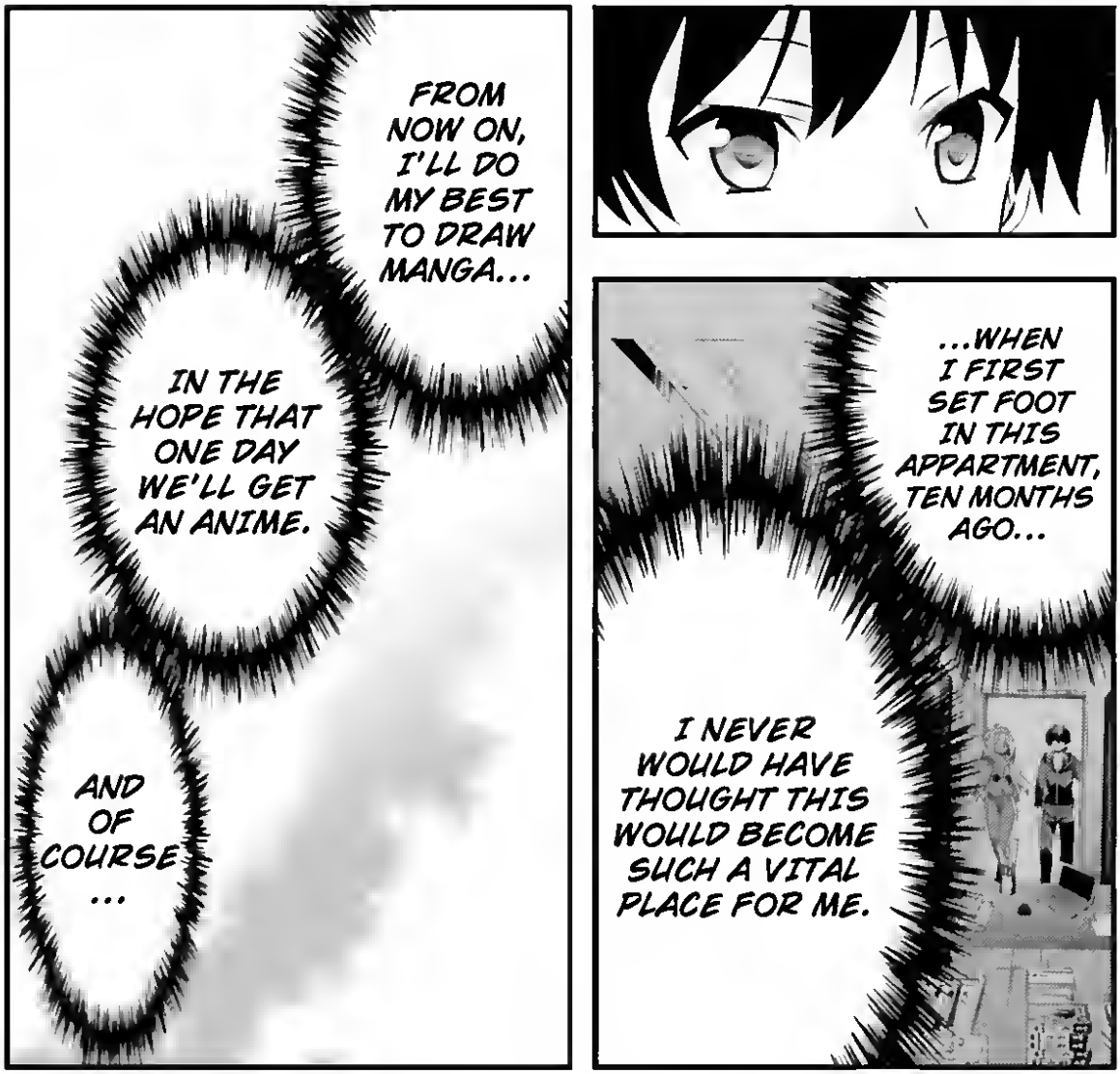
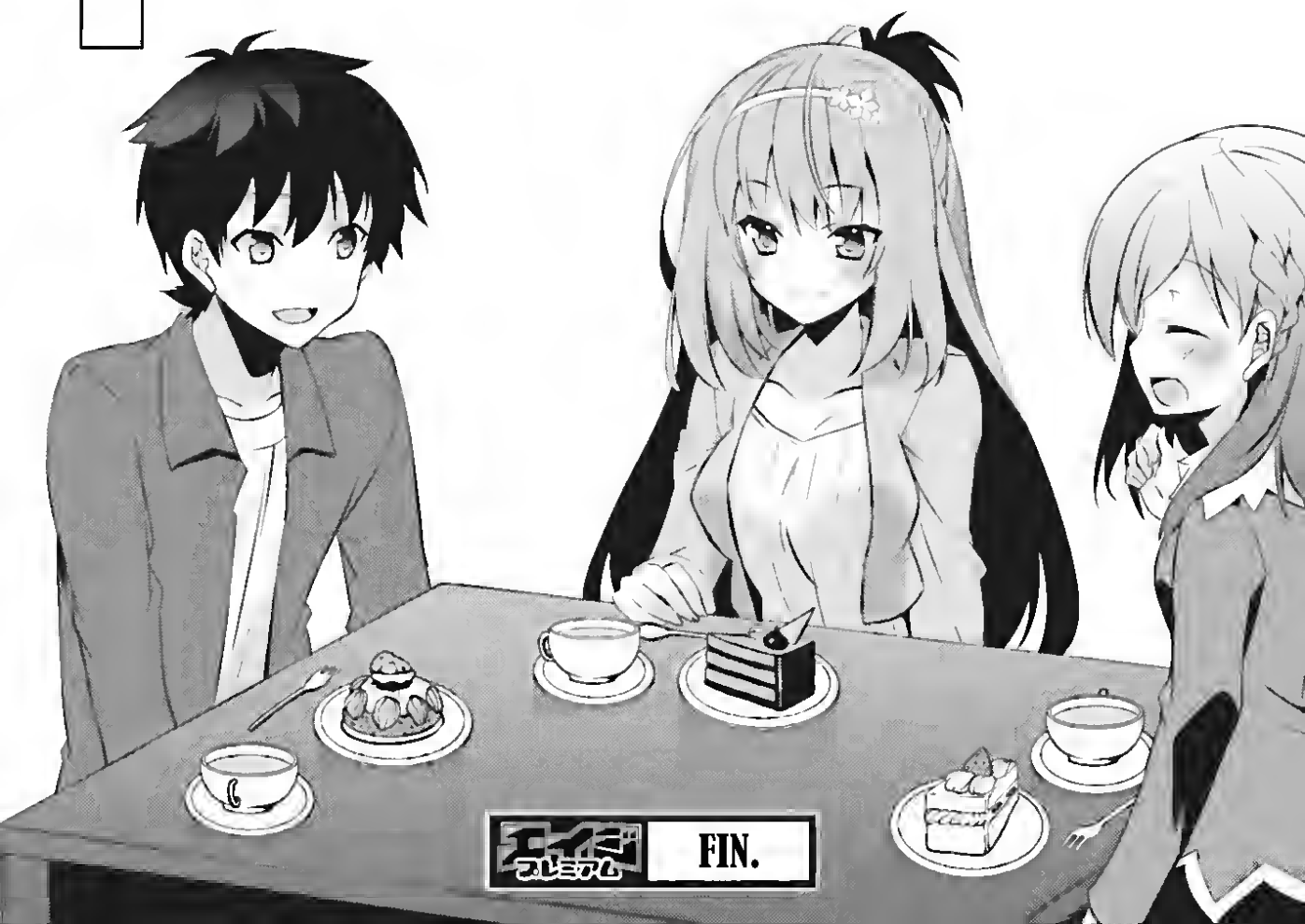
PARDON?!
NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT THAT SERIALIZATION, WHY NOT GO OUT ON A LITTLE DATE WITH ME TO CELEBRATE?
I'M REALLY GONNA KILL YOU IF YOU KEEP BRINGING THAT UP!!
Whaddya say?!!
ARE YOU JEALOUS, IKOMA-SENSEI?
UFU
You're already busted so what's the point?
HEY, EMILY...
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID YOU DIDN'T SEE HIM AS A MAN?
I'M JUST GROSSED OUT WHEN I SEE A VIRGIN. WITH NO IMMUNITY TO GIRLS. FALLING SO STUPIDLY!
I CAN HEAR YOU, YOU KNOW.
WHY WOULD I BE JEALOUS?!


Come on, I wanted that one too!
WHA-
HEY!
First come, first serve~ ♪
YEAH, SURE.
AH, IM TAKING THE STRAWBERRY CAKE.


FROM NOW ON, I'LL DO MY BEST TO DRAW MANGA...
IN THE HOPE THAT ONE DAY WE'LL GET AN ANIME.
AND OF COURSE ...
...WHEN I FIRST SET FOOT IN THIS APPARTMENT, TEN MONTHS AGO...
I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BECOME SUCH A VITAL PLACE FOR ME.

I'LL WALK
THIS PATH
ALONGSIDE
MY PRECIOUS
PARTNER,
IKOMA
MATSURI.



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